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DEDICATION  
OF THE  
NEW BUILDING,  
OF THE  
Young Men's Christian Association  
OF THE  
CITY OF HALIFAX,  
TUESDAY EVENING, APRIL 21st, 1874.

Building Open at 7 P. M. Chair Taken at 8 P. M.

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# Order of Exercises.

## 1. READING OF THE SCRIPTURES,

By REV. JOHN FORREST.

## 2. SINGING DEDICATORY HYMN,

(Written for the occasion.)

1.

Oh Christ, our Lord, all worlds, all space  
Thou fillest as Thy holy place ;  
Angels and Saints Thy throne adore  
And sing Thy praises evermore.

2.

The fulness of Thy presence here  
We now uphold with hearts sincere ;  
Come to this House, nor hence depart ;  
Come, dwell in every longing heart.

3.

In us and with us Lord abide ;  
Thy word and Spirit be our guide ;  
Ever may Faith and Hope and Love  
Within these walls their influence prove.

4.

This House we consecrate to Thee  
Lord take it ; let it ever be  
Devoted to Thy hand, Thy cause  
A witness for Thy love, Thy laws.

## 3. DEDICATORY PRAYER,

By REV. GEORGE W. HILL.

## 4. STATEMENT,

By THE PRESIDENT.

## 5. ADDRESS—"Twenty Years Work."

By HON. S. L. SHANNON.

## 6. ADDRESS,

By REV. A. SIMPSON.

## 7. SINGING.

1.

Almighty God and Saviour,  
And Spirit, Three in One,  
Behold that work with favour,  
Which in Thy name is done,  
Under Thy royal banner,  
Creator, Helper, King,  
With prayer and glad Hosannah  
Our gift to Thee we bring.

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2.

To Thee, that grace adoring,  
Our hands these walls have raised ;  
O, hear us while imploring,  
That thus Thy name be praised,  
Now, Lord, this gift receiving,  
Thy blessings here bestow,—  
Not faithless, but believing,  
We hence would forward go.

3.

In labour more abounding  
With faith increased by Thee  
Our lips Thy praises sounding  
As we Thy triumphs see.  
Lord, God of our salvation !  
Thou Father, Spirit, Son—  
Our life, our inspiration—  
Thy will in us be done.

8. **THANKSGIVING PRAYER,**

By REV. J. F. CAMPBELL.

9. **ADDRESS,**

By REV. JOHN LATHERN.

10. **SINGING.**

1.

All hail the power of Jesus' name !  
Let Angels prostrate fall ;  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
And crown Him Lord of all.

2.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget  
The wormwood and the gall,  
Go spread your trophies at his feet,  
And crown Him Lord of all.

3.

Let every kindred, every tribe,  
On this terrestrial ball  
To Him all majesty ascribe,  
And crown Him Lord of all.

11. **ADDRESS,**

By REV. C. B. PITBLADO.

12. **CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION,**

By REV. E. M. SAUNDERS.



## Work of the Association.

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**INVITATION COMMITTEE.**—Makes the objects and advantages of the organization known to young men, and invites them to the Rooms.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.**—Receives and passes upon all names proposed for membership. It is the duty of members of this Committee to be in attendance at the Rooms during the evening to receive and welcome strangers.

**EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE.**—Seeks to find employment for all young men needing situations.

**BOARDING HOUSE COMMITTEE.**—Finds safe and comfortable boarding places for young men.

**VISITATION OF THE SICK COMMITTEE.**—Cares for all sick young men who may be in the city without family or friends.

**BIBLE CLASS AND PRAYER-MEETING COMMITTEE.**—Sustains at the Rooms and other places, religious and devotional meetings, and educates the members in Christian work.

**MUSICAL AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE.**—Has in charge the musical classes and entertainments of the Association.

**LITERARY SOCIETY.**—Affords an opportunity for the culture of the members of the Association in composition, literature and debate.

**CHURCH COMMITTEE.**—Consists of two members from each Church in the city, and aims to introduce young men to the Churches, and to develop and strengthen their interest and usefulness therein.

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## The Objects of the Association

Are, in the first place, to offer a safe and attractive resort to the thousands of untried young men who come as strangers to the city, with limited means, who are crowded into uncomfortable, cheerless boarding houses, and exposed to great temptations.

Second, to amalgamate this great class with those of like age who are residents of the city, so that they may be benefitted by each others' acquirements and companionship; and

Lastly, so to educate and elevate all the young men that their force and enthusiasm may be turned into the channels of morality, benevolence and christian activity.

Large expense has been incurred in the erection of this building; but it must be remembered that in securing the objects we have in view we come into direct competition with the theatres, the gambling houses, the bar-rooms, and other places of even worse character, which spare no effort, and hesitate at no expenditure in attracting the thousands of young men who find themselves in this city, without homes, family influences or restraints.